MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF NORTH MOLTON PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 13TH JULY 2011 IN THE NORTH MOLTON
VICTORY HALL

Present Councillor Dunn, Councillor Procter, Councillor Gammon, Councillor White, Councillor Bulled, Councillor Mather and the Clerk.

220/7/11 Apologies Councillor Janes, Councillor Stucley and District Councillor Edgell. Motion proposed to sanction these absences, proposed Councillor Procter seconded Councillor White, all agreed.

221/7/11 Declaration of Interests. Councillor Gammon planning application no NDDC52447 Councillor Mather planning application no NDDC52447. Motion proposed to open that part of the meeting for public representations, motion proposed Councillor White seconded Councillor Procter, all agreed.

222/7/11 Devon and Cornwall Constabulary Not present, no report sent to Clerk.

223/7/11 Representations from the public Councillor Gammon – bank from Jubilee Gardens to Lower East Street has not been cut the last two visits. Clerk to contact regarding this.

Councillor Mather – tenant of bungalow at Meadow View – occasional parking on pavement has caused obstruction. Clerk to write to tenant.

224/7/11 Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of North Molton Parish Council held on Wednesday 8th June 2011. Amendment of spelling of Mr Bowden. Motion proposed to adopt these minutes motion proposed Councillor White seconded Councillor Gammon all agreed, bar one abstention Councillor Mather not present at that meeting. Approval of the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on the 22nd June motion proposed to adopt these minutes motion proposed Councillor Procter seconded Councillor Gammon all agreed, Approval of the minutes of the AGM meeting held on the 22nd June motion proposed to adopt these minutes with the insertion of “Reverend” motion proposed Councillor Gammon seconded Councillor Mather,, all agreed.

225/7/11 Clerks Report Clerk reported that she had spoken to Jackie Blackmore regarding the tables at Heasley Mill Hall. The tables were in fact 14 tables at a cost of £1485. Clerk has purchased a garden centre voucher for Sherry (Ken Hildrews daughter) for looking after the planters and this has been delivered.

226/7/11 Matters arising from these minutes Councillor White confirmed that he had given a response to DALC regarding the rules on planning changes from commercial to residential.

Councillor Procter confirmed that he had replaced the broken slates on the roof of the bus shelter. Some of the battens are missing and will need replacing and refelting works on the roof in the near future, to be put into budget for next year.

227/7/11 Items for Discussion

Laurels Playground – Councillor Dunn read out the proposal prepared by Councillor Stucley relating to the funding from Devon County Council. Chairman also advised councillors of the rules regarding advertising and stipulations regarding any change of equipment. Phase I minus VAT does not spend all £8770 need to possibly include one of the pieces of equipment from Phase II. Motion proposed to sign and send of the Agreement between Devon County Council and North Molton Parish Council
together with the proposal document. Proposed Councillor Gammon seconded Councillor White, all agreed.

**228/7/11 Chairmans Report/Urgent matters brought forward by the Chairman** Chairman advised that we are still three councillors short. Clerk to place advert re co-option of three more councillors and to contact three possibilities given.

**229/7/11 Planning**

CHAIRMAN DECLARED THIS PART OF THE MEETING OPEN COUNCILLOR GAMMON AND COUNCILLOR MATHER RETIRED TO THE PUBLIC AREA.

NDDC52447 Erection of boundary retaining wall at Land adjacent Pitt View East Street North Molton.

Councillor Gammon advised that following the collapse of the hedge this application had been lodged to build a retaining wall. Councillor Gammon felt that the facing of the wall should be stone not rendered as the remaining part of the wall is so small that to face the wall in stone would be more in keeping with the surrounding area.

COUNCILLOR GAMMON AND COUNCILLOR MATHER LEFT THE ROOM.

Councillors discussed this application further. Motion proposed to approve this application with the proviso that the face be stone not rendered to match surrounding area, design to be left to structural engineer. Proposed Councillor White seconded Councillor Proctor, all agreed including Chairman casting vote.

COUNCILLOR GAMMON AND COUNCILLOR MATHER RETURNED TO THE ROOM.

NDDC50080 Extension of time limit for implementation of planning permission 41090 erection of 23 dwellings together with associated off site highways works Lower Poole Barns Fore Street North Molton.

Councillors discussed. Letter advises that developers to discharge conditions relating to drainage and highways works.

COUNCILLOR BULLED LEFT THE ROOM.

Motion proposed Clerk to write advising that whilst the Parish Council are glad that this phase is to be commenced we are concerned what sections of the 108 Agreement are being discharged and requesting clarification of the term “discharge” before a decision is made. Motion proposed Councillor White seconded Councillor Gammon, all agreed.

COUNCILLOR BULLED RETURNED TO THE ROOM.

Chairman introduced Richard Sables from Devon County Highways. Richard Sables said that he come to the meeting to see if there were any issues in the North Molton Parish.

Councillor Bulled asked if we had received a plan of the drains and gulleys in the area. Clerk advised not yet. Richard Sables advised that whilst he has a plan it is very old and may not be of much help. Councillor Gammon suggested that he meet with Richard Sables on Monday so that they may drive around the parish and Councillor Gammon can advise Richard Sables where the problem areas are.

Councillor Gammon advised that just by the footpath between Back Lane and Oakford Close there is a raised drain which requires attention.

Councillor Bulled advised that Brinsworthy Bridge is becoming an issue again.
Richard Sables advised regarding the Snow Warden scheme. An extra supply of salt can be provided but Parish will have to arrange storage. Councillors to consider at next meeting.

Clerk advised that she had requested a grit bin for Jubilee Gardens after the last winter but had not received a response. Richard Sables advised that this may be a project to come from County Councillor Yabsleys funds.

Councillor Bulled asked about the gritting of Mile Hill. Richard Sables advised that they are looking at new potential routes.

Richard Sables asked about the flower border at the top of Back Lane. This border can be maintained by Highways but this would involve a rather brutal cut once a year. Councillors discussed and suggested that they contact the householders to give them the choice of either Highways maintaining as per their schedule of the householders adopting this border and maintaining themselves. Clerk to write to property owners. South West Highways are now cutting grass but a map of areas that have previously been cut would be helpful. Councillor Gammon to provide.

230/7/11 Finance

Barclays bonus account stands at £5801.52 approx unconfirmed as no bank statement received.

Barclays community account stands at £875.94 as at 30th June 2011

i) Receipts – none.

ii) Outgoings

a) Clerks salary £178.38 plus contribution to telephone costs £10 plus refund of garden centre voucher £30 total £218.38

Motion proposed to pay the above proposed Councillor Gammon seconded Councillor Procter, all agreed.

231/7/11 Correspondence

a) Hastoe Group notice to be placed on board

b) Somerset Association of Local Councils – clerk read out results of election

c) NDCC re database of councillors – clerk to respond no objections

d) NDCC chairing skills – to be filed.

e) Community News – motion proposed to make donation of £50 proposed Councillor Mather seconded Councillor Bulled, all agreed.

f) DALC Devon Rural Housing Awards – not applicable.

g) Devon and Cornwall constabulary – to be placed in green bag.

h) Queens Diamond Jubilee – Agenda for September. Paperwork in green bag. Contact Victory Hall to see what they are doing.

Additional correspondence received after preparation of agenda:
1. NDDC Food Hygiene Rating Scheme – pass information to Sports Club
2. DALC County Committee elections – clerk read out results.

All newsletters to be placed in green bag.

232/7/11 Reports Councillor Gammon reported that Councillor Janes had not been able to attend the meeting of the Victory Hall committee as this had been rather too short notice. He will attend the next one.

233/7/11 Matters brought forward by District or County Councillor not present.

Date and Time of Next meeting Wednesday 10th August 2011 North Molton Victory Hall 7.30pm.